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- ☒ 5. U.S. Patent No. 5,640,349 is from the same family as JP-A-8-77066.

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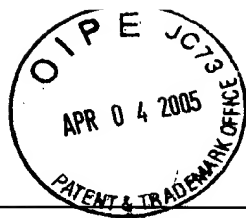
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